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SUMMARY: AS SOCDEM MEETING KICKS OFF, MOST MEDIA INTEREST AT

CONFERENCE SITE APPEARS TO BE IN THE SECRETARY'S VISIT AND SOCDEM RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES. TODAY'S (JAN 18) PRESS QUOTES SOARES AS OPTIMISTIC RE PORTUGUESE POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS AND AS FORECASTING THAT HIS SOCIALISTS WILL WIN 40 PERCENT OF THE VOTE IN GENERAL ELECTIONS TO TAKE PLACE APR 25. END SUMMARY.

1. EMBOFF AT HELSINGOR SITE OF SOCDEM MEETING REPORTS THAT JAN 18 MID-DAY PRESS CONFERENCE WAS EXCEPTIONAL ONLY IN MEDIA INTEREST IN SECRETARY'S VISIT. AFTER DANISH PRIME MINISTER ANKER JORGENSEN'S OPENING REMARKS, FIRST QUESTIONER ASKED WHY SECRETARY IS COMING HERE.

2. JORGENSEN REPLIED THAT BOTH HE AND FOREIGN MINISTER K. B. ANDERSEN HAD INVITED SECRETARY TO DROP BY WHEN CONVENIENT: "...IF YOU EVER COME BY COPENHAGEN, LOOK US UP (LAUGHTER)." THE DANES ARE HAPPY THAT SECRETARY TOOK THE OCCASION OF A TRIP TO MOSCOW TO STOP OVER HERE.

3. JORGENSEN ALSO SAID THAT IN THIS MORNING'S MEETING, ALL PARTICIPANTS AGREED ON DIRECT ELECTIONS TO THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT BUT THERE WERE DIFFERENCES IN NUANCE. TINDEMANS REPORT GENERALLY SUPPORTED BUT WITH CERTAIN RESERVATIONS. IN REVIEW OF CONFERENCE AGENDA, JORGENSEN NOTED IT JAM-PACKED, THAT DEPTH OF DISCUSSION OF EACH TOPIC ACCORDINGLY LIMITED AND THAT CONFERENCE MUST CLOSE AT 1500 HOURS, JAN 19.

4. QUOTES OF INTEREST FROM JORGENSEN'S WELCOMING STATEMENT TO CONFERENCE SCHEDULED MID-AFTERNOON:

A. "WE ARE IN NEED OF A NEW PHASE IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF DEMOCRATIC SOCIALISM."

B. "SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC PARTIES MUST REJECT THE IDEA THAT IN ORDER TO AVOID INFLATION, WE SHOULD GEAR DOWN WESTERN ECONOMY TO SUCH A DEGREE THAT A HIGH AND PERMANENT LEVEL OF UNEMPLOYMENT RESULTS."

C. "WE CAN'T TAKE IT FOR GRANTED THAT IT WILL BE PROPER AND JUSTIFIABLE TO CARRY ON WITH A HIGH RATE OF INCREASE IN MATERIAL WEALTH."

D. "OUR BROTHER PARTIES IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF EUROPE ARE FACED WITH DIFFICULTIES OF AN ESPECIALLY DANGEROUS CHARACTER. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WE MUST BE PREPARED TO SUPPORT AND COOPERATE WITH ALL DEMOCRATIC FORCES IN PLACES WHERE THESE ARE THREATENED. WE HAVE GREAT ADMIRATION FOR THE ROLE PLAYED BY THE SOCIALIST PARTY IN PORTUGAL."

5. EMBOFF TOLD BY CONFERENCE PRESS BUREAU THAT ABOUT 200 MEDIA REPS ACCREDITED, "90 PERCENT OF THEM DANISH". EMBOFF STRUCK BY HEAVY PROPORTION OF EASTERN EUROPEAN REPS AMONG FOREIGN PRESS.

ALSO ACCORDING EMBOFF, PRESS INTEREST FOCUSED MOST INTENSELY ON SECRETARY'S VISIT HERE AND MITTERAND'S (WHO ARRIVES TOMORROW, JAN 19) PRESENTATION ON SOUTHERN EUROPE. THERE WAS CONSIDERABLE DISCUSSION AMONG JOURNALISTS ABOUT WHAT, OR IF, SOCDEMS WILL DECIDE RE THEIR RELATIONS WITH WESTERN EUROPEAN COMMUNIST PARTIES.

6. DANISH SUNDAY PRESS WE HAVE SEEN PLAYS UP TIGHT CONFERENCE SECURITY AT THE COLLEGE-CAMPUS-LIKE CONFERENCE SITE AND GIVES MOST COVERAGE TO ARRIVAL REMARKS BY SOARES.

7. SOARES SAID MEETING MEANS A LOT TO THE CAUSE OF DEMOCRACY IN PORTUGAL. HE VOICED OPTIMISM ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS IN PORTUGAL IN GENERAL AND RELATIONS BETWEEN POLITICAL PARTIES AND AFM IN PARTICULAR: ONLY A FEW OBSTACLES REMAIN BEFORE AGREEMENT REACHED ON OUTLINE FOR FUTURE COOPERATION.

8. SOARES CHARACTERIZED PRESENT PERIOD AS BEGINNING OF ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN PORTUGAL AND FORECAST THAT ELECTIONS WOULD BE HELD ON THE SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF THE REVOLUTION, APRIL 25. HE EXPECTS HIS SOCIALIST TO CAPTURE ABOUT 40 PERCENT OF THE VOTE.
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